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NEWS RELEASE**



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**2013 Yukon River Fall Salmon Fishery News Release # 34
Fall Announcement # 29, District 1 Commercial Period 11
Districts Affected: Lower Yukon Area**

Through August 27 the cumulative fall chum salmon passage past Pilot Station sonar is approximately 670,000 fish which is above the historical median of 492,200 fish for that date. Based on inseason assessment, the projected fall chum salmon run size is greater than 900,000 fish. Through August 27 the cumulative coho salmon passage past Pilot Station is 66,300 fish which is well below the historical median of 105,000 for that date. The coho salmon run passed the historical midpoint on August 21. Coho salmon passage past Pilot Station sonar is currently tracking to be the second lowest on record.

District Y-1

Commercial fishing will be open for one period in the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** of District Y-1 on Thursday, August 29 from 5:00 p.m. until 11:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period for the **Coastal Set Net Only Area** with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

The remainder of District Y-1 will be open to commercial fishing on Thursday, August 29 from 1:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. This will be a 6-hour commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to six-inch or smaller mesh.

Verbal reports from the District Y-1 commercial opening on August 26 indicate a preliminary harvest of 2,557 fall chum salmon and 4,461 coho salmon. The preliminary cumulative commercial fall chum harvest for District Y-1 is 103,443 fall chum and 25,120 coho salmon.

In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing is open during the fall season 7 days per week except for 12 hours before, during, and 12 hours after each commercial fishing period with gillnets restricted to a maximum mesh size of 7.5 inches. In District Y-1, subsistence salmon fishing will close at 1:00 a.m. Thursday, August 29 and reopen at 11:00 a.m. Friday, August 30.

Recorded fishery announcements and updates will be available 24 hours a day at 949-1731 and 459-7387 (toll free outside of Fairbanks 1-866-479-7387). If you have any questions regarding this report, please call the Emmonak ADF&G office at 949-1320 or the Fairbanks office at 459-7274. The Emmonak ADF&G office will stand by on VHF channel 7A.

This has been an announcement by the Alaska Department of Fish and Game in consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.

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